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Letter dated 13 August 1995 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of a letter from Mr. Vladislav Jovanović, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to Mr. Yasushi Akashi, your Special Representative for the former Yugoslavia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under item 81 of the provisional agenda, and of the Security Council.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 13 August 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Yugoslavia addressed to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for the former Yugoslavia

Despite all the agreements and efforts of the United Nations peace forces, presidential statements of the Security Council and the activities of the Contact Group and the leaders of leading world Powers to stop hostilities and restore the peace process, the armed forces of Croatia continue their provocations and aggressive activities:

- On 12 August 1995, Croatian armed forces continued their aggressive activities along the entire line of separation in the United Nations Protected Area (UNPA) Sector East, particularly near Osijek, opening incessant small-arms and mortar fire.

- On 12 August 1995, regular units of the Croatian armed forces shelled the positions of the armed forces of the Republic of Srpska in the area of Trebinje.

- On 12 August 1995, units of the armed forces of Croatia from the area of Dunave Krajnje (Pelinovo brdo) engaged with mortar fire objectives of the army of Yugoslavia, the observation post in the area of Debela Ljut and the area of Kožen Do.

- At the same time, regular units of the Croatian armed forces continue their joint operations with Muslim units along the entire line of the front.

As is obvious, in addition to the aggression against UNPA Sectors North and South and the destruction of property and the maltreatment of the innocent civilian population, Croatia continues its aggressive behaviour against UNPA Sector East. The provocations have culminated with the shelling by Croatian armed forces of objectives in the territory of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

By these military activities, Croatia continues its everyday demonstration of the policy of force and orientation towards war and aggression.

It is high time for the international community, primarily the United Nations through the Security Council and peace forces, to take energetic steps to compel Croatia to stop its aggressive activities in the United Nations Protected Areas and military provocations against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia continues to be committed to peace and a peaceful solution, and is exercising great restraint not to be drawn into a situation where it will have to respond to Croatian provocations. We therefore

hope that urgent and resolute steps will be taken to stop the aggressive policy of Croatia and to create conditions for restoring the peace process.

I call on you to take all necessary steps to compel Croatia to cease hostilities and to abide by the agreements it has signed, and to request through the Secretary-General of the United Nations that an urgent meeting of the Security Council be convened to consider and condemn the aggressive behaviour of Croatia and to adopt measures that will prevent such behaviour from happening in the future.

(Signed) Vladislav JOVANOVIĆ